

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, November 21, 1726.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Nov. 12.
Petersburg, Oct. 24.

OUR Fleet being now in the several Docks here and at Cronstot, the Czarina has given Orders for the Careening most of the Men of War, that nothing may be left to the next Spring. Mean time two sixty Gun Ships which were put upon the Stocks last Month, will be launched by that Time.

Paris, Nov. 16. Mr. Conati Ambassador of the Republick of Venice at the Court of Spain, is appointed by that Republick to come with the same Character to the Court of France, in the room of M. Morosini, who has completed his Time.

From the Daily Journal, Nov. 12.

Rome, Oct. 28. The Princess Sobieski has with much Perswasion answered a Letter written to her by her Spouse since his Arrival at Bologn, wherein, 'tis said, she expresses the most longing Desire to cohabite again with him, provided the two Obstacles so often mentioned, be removed.

Florence, Oct. 28. A Messenger is gone thro' this City, in his Way from Rome to Bologna: 'Tis said he carries Letters with him from the Pope to the Pretender, relating to his Spouse, who continues in a languishing Condition. They write from Bologna, that the Chevalier lives very retired, admitting only several of his Confidants or Favourites to confer with him.

Milan, Oct. 20. Our Governor Count Thaur, assisted at the Assembly of the Chief States, and communicated to them the Emperor's Resolution for augmenting his Forces for the Security of this Dutchy; however, as the Fortifications are in a tolerable good Repair, and the Regiments almost complete, the Sum requir'd will not be so great as otherwise might have been expected, the States are to assemble again furthwith, in order to resolve on the necessary Supplies.

Paris, Nov. 16. Cardinal de Noailles has given Orders for repairing and beautifying the Roof of the Chnrch of Notre Dame, and adorning the Chapel with Iron Rails.

Paris, Nov. 17. On Wednesday the Weather pro-

ving fair, his Majesty took the Diversion of Stag-hunting in the Forest. The Duke de St. Antin has ordered magnificent Preparations to be made at Petriburg, a Seat between Versailles and Fountainbleau belonging to the Duke, for the Reception of their Majesties, in case they return to Versailles before Christmas. In the mean time her Majesty is thought to be with Child.

London, Nov. 12. Letters from Lisbon dated November 2, advise, That in the preceeding Week 21 English Ships, from different Places, entred that Harbour; and that there remained then in that Harbour 48 English Merchant-Ships, the Lime Man of War, Lord Vere, and the Dursley Galley Man of War, Capt. Purvis.

Hamburg, Nov. 8. Letters from the Polish Frontiers say, That the Troops of Lithuania were in Motion, but whether was not talk'd. They write from Pomerania, that a Body of Prussian Troops were expected the latter End of this Month; for which Purpose they are to be reviewed out of hand by the General Officers.

Letters from Riga mention, that the Regiments which have for some Time been quartered thereabouts, have Orders to begin their March for Libau; so that it was believed the Czarina intended to do somewhat in favour of Count Maurice of Saxony. In the mean time the Poles are extremely exasperated at the Proceedings of the Courlanders in making that Election; so that 'tis not doubted but that the Russian Forces will be met by some of the Polish: And if Things are carried too far, a Skirmish may ensue between them; his Polish Majesty being resolved to maintain his Pretensions to that Dutchy, which the Diet is determined to annex to the Republick of Poland.

From the Evening Post, November 12.

Venice, Nov. 1. Our Magistrates of Health having received Advice, that the Plague is entirely ceased at Constantinople and other Places in the Levant, the Quarentain the Ships coming from these Parts are obliged to observe, is like to be considerably reduced.

Paris, Nov. 16. The Consorts which used to be performed in the Apartments of the Queen, being suspended, on Account of the Jubilee, there are now sung before her Majesty, instead of them, a kind of Spiritual Hymns or Anthems, of the Composition of the late Mr. la Lande.

London, Nov. 12. The Morocco Ambassador has had a private Audience of Leave of his Majesty.

A Woman near Guilford in Surrey having been delivered of Seven Creatures resembling Rabbits, yesterday Mr. St. Andre, the King's Surgeon and Anatomist, went down to see them; they are preserved in Spirits,

Paris, Nov. 16. The Robbers who some Time ago attempted to break into the House of a Lady near Grenoble, as we mentioned lately, are of the Gang of those who murdered and plundered some of the Couriers from Lions to Paris, as appears by the Confession of one of them who was wounded by the Gentleman, whom the Lady had harboured; in a search made in the Night Time by our Magistrates, in suspected Houses, above 60 Vagrants or Persons who could give no Account of themselves, were seized.

From Mif's Weekly Journal, Nov. 12.

S I R,

Notwithstanding the Complaints of Mr. Bickerstaff, Tatler, No. 19, Vol 1. on laying aside the Order and Distinction, and his setting forth the Notorious Abuse of the Appellation of Esquire, to which Order he was then an Illustrious Ornament, being a worthy Member thereof. I perceive the same Ignorance continues to this Day, among our common News Writers, who upon the Admission of any Gentleman into a Military Employment, immediately tell you M. N. Esq; is made Ensign or Lieutenant in such a Regiment. Now Sir, if a General Officer (unless otherwise dignified) is no more than Esq; in his Commission; and if that Title is given to none lower than a Captain, as it is not, how can those People excuse themselves for thus conferring without any Authority, the Title proper only to Generals, Field Officers and Captains, on all Subalterns without Exception? I imagined, on my first Observation of this Irregularity, that when Esq; such-a-one was said to be made an Ensign or Lieutenant, he might be the youngest Son of some Noble Family, who are real Esquires; but finding it indiscriminately applied to all Ensigns and Lieutenants, I was, like my famous Predecessor of immortal Fame Isaac Bickerstaff, Esq;

in great Pain to see my own Order insulted. As Sir Richard is out of Danger, it cannot be expected he will now concern himself in this Affair, you are therefore desired to be the Champion of the true Esquires, and to let the Authors of the Journals, Courants, Post-Boy's, &c. know, that his Majesty is the Fountain of Honour, and not they who are so profuse in their Creations, as to make an Army of Esquires. Pray do us Justice, and you will in particular oblige.

*From the Heralds Office, Your Humble Servant,
Oftob. the 4th 1726. H. S. Esq;*

From the London Gazette, Nov. 12.

Madrid, Nov. 4. N. S. Some Days ago Count Vander Nat arrived here from Vienna, by the Way of Genoa and Barcelona as Minister from the Duke of Holstein. His Catholick Majesty has lately sold to the Marquis de St. Jago for 2 Millions of Escudos, a considerable Part of the Crown Revenue, called Terzias Reales, and 'tis said that the Pasture Grounds belonging to the Crown, are also to be sold, in order to raise Sums of Money for the present Emergencies, and for furnishing Subsidies to the Emperor and his New Allies. The King's Treasury being so much exhausted, that even his Household has not been paid this 20 Months past. The late Duke of Ormond, with many others of his Party, are at the Escorial, where they meet with favourable Receptions. The Duke of Wharton, who gave out for certain, that he would go last Saturday to Valencia, and from thence to Rome, is still here, and seems to have put off his Departure. The two Men of War which sailed in the beginning of September from St. Andero, bound for the West Indies, have been driven back to the said Port by Storm, very much damaged; they are still there, and it is taken for granted, that they will not be able to sail this Year. The Letters from Cadix of the 29th past relate, that the two Advice Boats designed for the West Indies are still in that Port.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 15.

Since our last arrived 2 Mails from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

A Dvices from Stockholm of the 6th Inst. make no Mention of the Secret Committee having made a Report to the States of their Consent to the Crown's Accession to Treaty of Hanover; but tell us, that they continue to proceed in their Deliberations

rations with great Order and Dispatch; and with-
all, That the Duke of Holstein's Counsellor Mr.
Ekroff, has communicated to the States the Affairs
he has in Commission, and expects a speedy Reso-
lution thereupon; also, That Count Duffus, a Rus-
sian Admiral, was arrived there: Where has also
been for some Time the Imperial Ambassador; and
that the Russian was daily expected. But all they
can do will not answer their Ends.

'Tis pretty well known, in what State the Fi-
nances of the Emperor and his new Allies are, and
how able they are to act in Opposition to the Allies
of Hanover: To which Treaty, 'tis said, the King
of Sardinia has acceded; and that the Proposals
made by the Emperor to his Most Christian Maje-
sty for an Accommodation betwixt him and Spain,
are rejected. Which surely, when confirm'd, will
shew those their Folly, who have endeavoured to
instill jealousies into the Minds of the People upon
the aforesaid Subject; for which base Ends they
have been no less busy with their Remarks on other
Matters which do not concern them, and amongst
the rest, they make the Number of Seamen of the
Baltick Squadron that have died by Sickness to be
far greater than it really is.

According to the Advices from the North, the
Czarina has sent Orders to all her Sea-ports, not
to suffer any Person to go from thence after April
next to the End of the Summer; and has enjoined
all Masters of Vessels to give an exact List of their
Crews, under the Penalty of Confiscation of their
Ships and Cargoes.

'Tis suppos'd her Czarian Majesty is apprehensive
of having another Visit next Spring from the Bri-
tish Men of War, which will act in such Manner as
to force her to Compliance with the Terms propo-
sed for preserving the Peace and Tranquillity of
the North.

They work Night and Day at Portsmouth on the
Ships which are designed to join Admiral Hosier,
consisting of six Men of War, viz. Kent, Berwick,
Royal Oak, Tyger, Portland; the Name of the
other we know not yet. 'Tis talked, that ano-
ther Admiral will be sent with them.

The last Accounts from Spain inform us that Ad-
miral Hosier had then in Possession the 3 Spanish
Ships laden with Cocoa, which he stopped coming
out of Porto Bello, till the Spaniards sent out a
Snow belonging to the S. S. Company. From this
'tis conjectured, that the said Admiral will suffer no

Spanish Ship to pass, till the S. S. Company's Ef-
fects are produced.

The Report of an Offensive Alliance between G.
Britain, France and Holland, seems now to meet
with much Credit; and many are of Opinion, that
if Matters are not accommodated with the Empe-
ror and Spain during the Winter, the Allies of the
Hanover Treaty will dwell no longer upon Cere-
monies, particularly with Regard to the Offend
Trade. S. S. Stock, 98.

Yesterday No. 11273, the Chance of which was
bought for that Day by Mr. Williams and Mr. Glad-
win, Brokers, was drawn a Prize of 5000 l. No.
7616, came up a Prize of 2000 l. and No. 43836,
500 l. And this Day No. 28559 came up, a Prize
of 1000 l. The Lottery will end Tomorrow-Noon.
The Price of a Horse or Ticket is now after the
Rate of 10 l. for 3 Hours. 'Tis judged, that this
Practice has been as fatal to the inferior Rank, as
the S. S. Scheme was to those of the higher Rank.

The Countess Dowager of Derwentwater, Mo-
ther to the late Earl, died lately at Paris.

The Close of last Week the Spanish Ambassador
dispatched an Express to his Court.

From the Daily Journal, Nov. 15.

Florence, Octob. 29. The Emperor's Envoy had
Yesterday Audience of our Great Duke, wherein
he notified, that his Master intended to augment
his Troops in Italy; and that he demanded of his
Highness the usual Subsidy for maintaining Part of
the said Forces.

Grodno, Nov. 5. Yesterday a Deputation was sent
to the Prussian Minister, relating to the Grievan-
ces of the Roman Catholics in Prussia, which the
Poles require to be immediately redressed, before
they do any Thing in favour of the Protestants in
Poland.

Hague, Nov. 18. The States of Holland and
Westfriesland, have published a general Pardon for
all Soldiers, as well of the Cavalry as the Infantry,
who during the Peace have absented themselves
from the Service, provided they return to the seve-
ral Regiments they belonged before the first of
March, in order to complete the new additional
Levies. Letters from Rome import, that by a ter-
rible Earthquake, the Town of Aquila in Naples,
was laid in Heaps of Rubbish.

Hague, Nov. 20. The States have ordered their
Officers of the Admiralty to prepare a List of



Ships will be necessary to be fitted out next Spring.

Cádiz, Oct. 22. We have Advice by Letters from New Spain, that the Diamond Man of War an English Ship of 48 Guns, had been taken by one of our Guard de Coast, of 54 Guns, after an Engagement of seven Hours; in which the former lost most of her Men, and the latter about 200: But this Piece of News is not credited here, any more than another, That the Prince Frederick, a Ship belonging to the South Sea Company of London, was detained at Vera Cruz.

London, Nov. 15. We are informed, that the Earl of Stair lately his Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, is appointed Governor of Jamaica.

From the Evening Post, Nov. 15.

Bologna, Nov. 2. The Chevalier de St. George has hired two Palaces here, that are divided from each other only by a Bridge: In one of them in which he and his two Sons are lodged, he is furnishing an Apartment for the Princess his Spouse. The other is designed for his Favourites and Followers.

Antwerp, Nov. 19. Our India Company has received new Assurances from the Court of Vienna, That he will maintain the Patent granted to them in the 1723.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

That the Lands and Baronies of LOUNAN, ETHE, and NORTHARRIE, to be set up at TWENTY Years Purchase, and reckoning the Virtual over-head at Five Pounds Scots the Boll: are to be exposed to Roup and Sale on Friday the Sixteenth Day of December next, at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of Lounan, 3 Firlots, one Peck Wheat; 77 Bolls 1 Firlot, 2 Pecks Bear; 172 Bolls Meal; 633 L. 6 sh. 8 d Scots of Money-Rent; 24 Capons; beside 156 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of Ethie, 3 Bolls Wheat, 86 Bolls Bear, 119 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal, 519 L. 13 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-Rent, 9 Wedders, 21 Capons, 78 Elms of Linen Cloath, besides 99 Poultry, not valued in the Rental, And of the Lands and Barony of Northarrie, 172 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippiet Bear, 69 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal; 262 L. 5 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-rent, 16 Capons, 9 Elms of Linen-cloth, beside 15 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. All the said Lands, holding Blanch of the Crown, and lying upon the Sea, coast, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the particular Rentals, Conditions of Sale, and Progress of the Writs.

are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.

N. B. In our last, by Mistake, the above Lands were said to be put up at 21 Years Purchase, in stead of 20.

* * * That on the 22d Day of December next, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the House of Mrs. Don Vintner in Edinburgh, there is to be sold by publick voluntary Roup, the Lands of Laghall, Nether-ton, Boigs, Priestlands, Redbrae, Woodhead and Miln Armanoch and Marchromne, with a Salmond Fishing on the Water of Nith, paying 107 L. 6 sh. 8 d. Sterl. of Yearly free Rent, beside Kains and Casualties, holden of the Crown Taxward, lying within a Mile or thereby of the Burgh of Dumfries, the greatest Part thereof betwixt the Waters of Nith and Crigin, in the Parish of Troquire and Stewartry of Kircudbright. The Progress of the Writs with the Rental and Conditions of Sale, to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Goldie Writer to the Signet at his Writing Chamber in Edinburgh.

†† That the Great LODGING or TENEMENT lying near the East End of the Town of Borrostonnells, belonging to the Heirs of Mr. Daniel Maclean; consisting of two Storeys, with Kitchen, Cellars, Stables, and other convenient Office-houses with large Garrets, all within the Close of the said Tenement, with a Yard on the West-side thereof; the said two Storeys containing several Fire-rooms finished, with other Rooms and Closets, all in a good habitable Condition: Are to be sett in Tack, at a reasonable Rent, in Whole or in Parcels, for one or more Years, by Mr. Malcolm Maclean, Tutor to the said Children, or Robert Main Writer in Borrostonnells his Factor, and having Power for that Effect. The Rental and Conditions of the Tack; are to be seen in the Hands of the said Robert Main at his House in Borrostonnells.

‡‡ That a good Coach Gelding, going six Years old, and two Coach Mares, who never were shod, the one going five, the other six; to be sold. Enquire at the Author of this Paper.

§§ There is to be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, on Thursday the 15th of December 1726, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, the Town and Lands of CRAIGLOCKHART Tower, Fortalice, Mannor-place, Houses, Biggings, Yards, and Pertinents thereto belonging; being a good fertile Soil, pleasantly situate, having large Conveniency for Pasturage on the Hills belonging thereto; with the Houses and Stone-Quarrey pertaining to the same in Sclateford. There is a large handsome House two Storey high, lately built on the said Lands, possessed by the Tenant, besides several other Conveniencies; such as a Brewery possessed by a Sub-tenant, a convenient Seat in the Church, and the like; lying about two Miles West from Edinburgh, in the Sheriffdom thereof, Parish of Hails, alias Colington. The Lands hold Blanche of the Crown. The Rental, Conditions of Roup, and Rights, are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Johnston Writer in Edinburgh, in Mr. Alison of Birkhill's Writing chamber in Carrubber's Close, on the North-side of the Street, above the Bishop's Land.

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